



CLAIMS

1. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment, comprising:
performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;
transferring search data associated with the search to a second application;
and
providing, in the second application, a second search result based on the search data.
2. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first application is a first instant messaging application.
3. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the second application is a second instant messaging application.
4. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search data includes the first search result.
5. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search data includes a compressed representation of the first search result.
6. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed using a search term and the search data includes the search term.
7. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search performed in the first application is a first search, and providing the second search result includes performing a second search using the search data.

8. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein:
 - the search performed in the first application is a first search;
 - providing the second search result includes performing a second search using the search data; and
 - the first search result is approximately the same as the second search result.
9. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result includes sending a search request to a server.
10. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, further comprising displaying the first search result, wherein an item in the first search result is shown as a hyperlink.
11. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
 - displaying the first search result;
 - selecting an item in the first search result and
 - placing the item in a shopping cart.
12. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, further comprising displaying a notification on the second application.
13. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed within a search context of shopping.
14. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed within a search context of auction.

15. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed within a search context of news.
16. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the search is performed within a search context of stocks.
17. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the messaging environment is an instant messaging environment.
18. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first application runs on a mobile device.
19. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, wherein the second application runs on a mobile device.
20. A method for sharing data in a messaging environment as recited in Claim 1, further comprising displaying a web page associated with the search in the first application and displaying the web page in the second application.
21. A system for sharing data, comprising:
 - a processor configured to:
 - perform a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;
 - transferring search data associated with the search to a second
 - application;
 - wherein the second application is configured to provide a search result based on the search data; and
 - a memory coupled to the processor, configured to provide the processor with instructions.

22. A computer program product for sharing data, the computer program product being embodied in a computer readable medium and comprising computer instructions for:

- performing a search in a first application to obtain a first search result;
- transferring search data associated with the search to a second application;
- providing, in the second application, a second search result based on the search data.